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GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS

ACCOMMODATIONS

1. (1) While the following details provide the basis for the grading of the accommodations, the Inspector shall use his judgment in securing the necessary or desirable changes or additions, having due regard to the interests of education, the capabilities of the present premises, and the financial ability of the Boards.

(2) No absolute line of demarcation can be drawn between the standards of the requirements for rural and urban schools respectively. However, where the requirements are deemed to be within the financial ability of the Board and of sufficient importance to the protection and progress of the pupils, the Board, whether rural or urban, is expected to bring its accommodations up to a higher standard within a reasonable time.

(3) Four grades of the accommodations are recognized in the Inspector's report, the differentiation of the grading according to the following regulations being left to his judgment. This grading, and the details of the requirements set forth below, should guide Boards, both in improving existing accommodations and in selecting sites and erecting new buildings.

(4) All new school sites and all additions to old ones and all plans of new schools or of additions to old ones, and all other proposed school accommodations, shall be first approved by the Inspector, or by the local Chief or Senior Inspector, as the case may be, who shall be guided by the instructions contained herein. In case of doubt as to the suitability of proposed plans, the Inspector may submit the matter for the consideration of the Department.

2. Following are the details of the requirements of the accommodations and the bases for the grading in the official reports:

(1) **School Site and Grounds.**—(a) The school site shall be located with careful regard to the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of the pupils.

(b) The grounds shall not be less than one acre in extent.

(c) The grounds shall be properly graded, drained and fitted for play purposes.

NOTES.—(a) Separate play areas should be provided for the sexes.

(b) When the enrolled attendance exceeds eighty pupils an additional half acre should be provided for each additional eighty pupils or fraction thereof enrolled.

(c) Suitable walks to the highways and to the outside closets should be provided.

(d) The ground should be beautified with trees and shrubs and should be kept free from long grass, weeds, and rubbish.

(e) All fences and gates should be kept in good repair.

(2) **Building.**—(a) The school building shall be placed at least thirty feet from the lot line at the highway.

(b) In schools of more than one storey, the floors of all upper classrooms shall be soundproofed.

(c) The building shall be kept in thorough repair, and the woodwork kept properly varnished or painted.

NOTES.—(a) In preparing plans for new buildings, school boards should keep in mind the probable needs of the future. Buildings, in urban centres particularly, should be so planned that they can be readily extended.

(b) School buildings should not exceed two storeys in height except under very unusual circumstances.

(c) All buildings should be so placed that each classroom will receive direct sunlight some portion of the day.

(d) The ground floor level should be sufficiently high above grade to permit satisfactory lighting for the basements (if any).

(e) The foundation walls and roof should be waterproofed, and the eavetroughs (if any) provided with suitable drainage.

(3) **Entrances, Hallways, and Exits.**—(a) In schools of four or more classrooms, there shall be separate entrances for the sexes.

(b) The entrance doors of all school buildings shall open outward.

(c) Hallways shall be adequate in size and well lighted.

(d) Stairways shall be of ample width and with treads safe and suitable for pupils of all ages using them.

(e) Suitable fire-escapes shall be placed on all buildings of more than one storey that are not fireproof.

NOTES.—(a) The buildings should be provided with a covered porch or vestibule.

(b) In buildings of two storeys there should be separate stairways for the sexes, easy of access and well guarded.

(c) Stairways should not be less than four feet nor more than five feet in width, measuring between hand-rails. Hand-rails should be provided on both sides. The material of the stairway should be fireproof.

(4) **Classrooms.**—(a) Classrooms shall be oblong in shape.

(b) For each pupil a floor space of at least eighteen square feet, and an air space of at least 225 cubic feet shall be provided.

(c) Windows shall be placed only on the long wall of the classroom to the left of the pupils.

(d) The net glass area of the windows shall not be less than one-sixth of the floor area.

(e) All windows shall be glazed with clear glass. They shall be provided with translucent roller blinds with cords attached. Both windows and blinds shall be kept in good working order.

(f) The ceilings, frieze, and walls shall be tinted or painted, and woodwork shall be varnished, stained, or painted.

(g) The floors of classrooms shall be of hardwood or asphalt mastic.

NOTES.—(a) A standard classroom for forty pupils is 32 feet long and 23 feet wide, giving a floor area of 18.4 square feet for each pupil. With a ceiling 12 feet 3 inches high, this classroom gives an air space of 225 cubic feet for each pupil.

(b) Every graded school should have a room in which all the classes may assemble, and all new schools of eight or more classrooms should be provided with assembly halls, located preferably on the ground floor.

(c) Window heads should be square and should not be more than twelve inches below the finished ceiling. The height from the floor to the glass should not be more than three feet four inches.

(d) At least four feet of wall space should be left between the window opening and the front wall of the classroom. The window opening should extend to the back wall.

(e) Windows should be adjusted with weights and pulleys.

(f) The best colour and lighting effects are to be secured by having the ceilings and frieze white or cream, walls buff or French gray, and woodwork brown or light warm gray.

(5) **Furniture.**—(a) Pupils' desks shall be single, and shall be adjustable or graded to suit the sizes of the pupils.

(b) For each classroom there shall be a teacher's desk with locked drawers, at least two chairs, and a suitable bookcase.

(c) Suitable tables shall be provided for class work in Form I and for elementary science in Form V.

NOTES.—(a) Where fixed non-adjustable desks are supplied for a classroom, provision should be made for pupils either above or below average height by supplying at least one row of adjustable desks.

(b) In placing fixed desks care should be taken that the projection of the front edge of the desk over the edge of the seat is at least one and a half inches.

(c) For the standard classroom the desks should be arranged in five rows, with aisles not less than 1 foot 10 inches wide between rows. The aisles at the wall opposite the windows should not be less than 3 feet 9 inches wide, and the aisle at the windows not less than 2 feet 9 inches wide.

(d) The front row of desks should not be less than 8 feet, and the back row not more than 28 feet from the front blackboard.

(e) A suitable cupboard for supplies should be provided, and placed preferably at the end of the cloakroom.

(6) **Blackboards.**—(a) Each classroom shall be provided with blackboards of good quality, preferably slate four feet in width, placed at the front of the room and on the side opposite the windows.

(b) Each blackboard shall have a suitable trough at the lower edge open at each end.

NOTES.—(a) A hinged wire tray may be placed above the blackboard trough to hold brushes and crayons.

(b) A suitable bulletin board should be provided.

(c) Provision should be made above the blackboard at the front for the hanging of maps with spring rollers.

(d) In graded schools, the lower edge of the blackboard should be placed at the following heights above the floor: for Form I, 22 inches; Form II, 24 inches; Form III, 28 inches; Forms IV and V, 34 inches. In ungraded schools at least a part of one blackboard should be placed low enough to be used by the youngest pupils.

(7) **Cloakrooms.**—A cloakroom or wardrobes properly fitted, heated, and ventilated, shall be provided for each classroom.

NOTES.—(a) The partition between the cloakroom and the classroom should be carried to the ceiling.

(b) Access to the cloakroom should be by two door-openings, without doors, from the classroom only.

(c) Where other lavatory conveniences are not provided, the cloakroom should be provided with portable wash-basins, and with soap and towels.

(d) Cloakrooms or wardrobes should not be ventilated through the classrooms.

(8) **Teachers' Private Rooms.**—In each school there shall be at least one room suitably furnished for the private use of the teaching staff. This room may also be used for the examination of pupils by the school nurse or medical officer, and for library purposes.

(9) **Water Supply.**—(a) The water supply shall be pure and adequate.

(b) In rural schools, there shall be a well (artesian if practicable) properly protected from surface drainage or other contamination, and provided with a suitable pump. Where for sufficient reason no well is provided, other provision satisfactory to the Inspector shall be made for an adequate supply of pure drinking water.

(c) Where water on pressure is available, a drinking fountain or a continuous bubbler shall be provided for every fifty pupils.

NOTES.—(a) Where a water supply on the premises is not available, covered graniteware tanks, preferably with bubblers, should be provided.

(b) If the water supply is from a dug well, the well should be pumped out at the end of the long vacation.

(c) Individual drinking cups should be used by the pupils where bubblers are not provided.

(10) **Sanitation.**—(a) In rural schools where outdoor closets are used, arrangements shall be made as early as possible to replace all pit or vault closets with sanitary conveniences of a more satisfactory type.

(b) Where these closets are under separate roofs, they shall be at least thirty feet apart, and so placed and regulated as to prevent pollution of the well or of the air of the classroom.

(c) Where the closets are in one building, the entrances shall be on opposite sides, and the division wall between the boys' and girls' closets shall be of solid brick or cement to the height of the ceiling.

(d) The floors of the closets shall be preferably of cement, but may be of hardwood.

(e) The entrances to the closets shall be properly screened.

(f) Closets shall be cleaned and disinfected monthly if possible, and urinals shall receive daily attention. Provision shall be made for keeping the outside closets clear of snow.

NOTES.—(a) No one-roomed school should have less than two compartments and one urinal in the boys' closet, or less than two compartments in the girls' closet. For all other schools the minimum provision should be as follows: one closet compartment and one urinal stall for every twenty-five boys; one closet compartment for every fifteen girls.

(b) Every closet compartment should be about two feet six inches wide, and about four feet six inches deep, framed of wood supported at least twelve inches off the floor and provided with a door having a slip bolt on the inside.

(c) Each closet should not be less than seven feet six inches from front to rear, and should be divided into the necessary number of individual compartments. It should be properly lighted and ventilated, and should as far as possible be made flyproof.

(d) The height of the closet seat should not be greater than sixteen and a half inches for older pupils, and not greater than thirteen and a half inches for younger pupils.

(e) In urban schools and in the larger rural sections a water-flush system or a chemical system should be installed. Where there is a water system but no sewerage system septic tanks should be used.

(f) Where cement floors are used a coat of hardener should be given to reduce porosity. Asphalt finish may be used for closet floors.

(g) Urinals should be so placed that they will receive direct sunlight. They should be thoroughly washed every day.

(h) A system of stalls with a gutter below is better than one of bowls or troughs. The sides of urinals should be of non-absorbent material.

(i) Drains should be properly flushed and kept free from any obstruction.

(j) The Principal should see that the doors of outside closets are securely fastened after school hours and opened before school hours.

(11) **Heating.**—(a) A steam heating system, hot air furnaces, or jacketed stoves acting with equal efficiency shall be provided as means of heating.

(b) Provision shall be made for securing a proper supply of moisture in the air. In the air space of each hot air furnace or within the jacket of each stove there shall be a pan filled daily with water, in the absence of more effective means of providing sufficient moisture.

NOTES.—(a) A temperature not less than sixty-five degrees and not higher than sixty-eight degrees during cold weather should be maintained in classrooms, halls, cloakrooms, and teachers' private rooms.

(b) Where the school building stands in an exposed situation, storm sashes should be supplied for the windows in the winter season.

(12) **Ventilation.**—(a) All school buildings shall have a ventilating system.

(b) Where a mechanical system is provided, it shall be so devised as to supply at least thirty cubic feet of fresh air for each pupil per minute. For a standard classroom for forty pupils this will require a complete change of air eight times per hour.

(c) In schools heated by hot-air furnaces, there shall be a direct fresh air supply duct to the furnace from the outside as far above the grade as practicable, fitted with a regulating damper. Ducts for recirculating the air from the classrooms shall be provided as well as foul air exits.

(d) In classrooms heated by jacketed stoves there shall be a direct fresh air duct leading from the outside at a point as high above the grade as practicable to an opening to the stove, and provided with a regulating damper. There shall

also be a foul air extract pipe so placed as to be heated by the smoke pipe, having the lower end six inches from the floor and passing into a ventilating flue or through the roof.

NOTES.—(a) At intermissions and during periods for physical exercises, the windows should for a time be raised from below and lowered from above.

(b) The windows should be supplied with close-fitting portable window boards.

(c) When storm sashes are used, they should be so adjustable as to allow the ingress of pure air.

(13) **Kindergarten Forms.**—The following are the special provisions for the accommodations of the Kindergarten Forms:

A classroom, square or slightly oblong, with a floor area of about 1,200 square feet, well lighted and well ventilated, well heated in winter, and adjacent to the playground. In the centre there should be a circle, inlaid or painted, large enough to accommodate all the pupils. A separate room for the games should be provided, when practicable.

A supply adequate for the attendance, of rubber-tipped Kindergarten tables, 20" x 36"; rubber-tipped Kindergarten chairs, some 11" and some 12" high; and Japanese floor cushions.

A cloakroom opening into the classroom or into the hall.

Cupboard accommodation for the Kindergarten materials, some shelves being so low that the children may be trained to take out and replace the materials.

On one wall a blackboard two feet from the floor and three feet wide; on another wall a painted burlap dado, not less than 6 feet long, preferably on all the available wall space, surmounted by a plate rail for showing the children's work

A low sink to encourage cleanliness, and, where practicable, a fireplace to give the room a touch of home comfort.

(14) **Kindergarten-Primary Forms.**—The following are special provisions for the accommodations of the Kindergarten-Primary Forms:

A floor area of about 900 square feet, the classroom being square or slightly oblong.

A supply, adequate for the attendance, of rubber-tipped Kindergarten Primary tables, 20" x 36", some 21" and some 23" high; rubber-tipped Kindergarten-Primary chairs, some 12" and some 14" high, and Japanese floor cushions.

In other respects, the accommodations should be the same as for the Kindergarten.

EQUIPMENT

3. (1) Each Board shall provide at least the following equipment, which shall be subject to the approval of the Inspector:

(a) A school flag with a pole, cord, and pulley, kept in good working order.

A clock for each classroom, kept in good condition.

A Fahrenheit thermometer.

A globe, not less than twelve inches in diameter and properly mounted.

A map of the hemispheres, a map showing the British Empire, a map of each Continent, of Canada, of Ontario, of the county or municipality (if a suitable map is published), of the British Isles, and of the United States.

A numeral frame, and an adequate supply of material for teaching numbers.

A set of mensuration surface forms and geometrical solids.

A blackboard set for each classroom, consisting of a protractor, a triangle, a pair of compasses, two pointers, and a graduated straight-edge.

A pair of scales, with weights, to weigh from half an ounce to at least four pounds; a set for measure of capacity: a pint, quart, gallon; a set for linear measure: inch, foot, yard, tape line; a set for square and cubic measures.

(b) A library containing:

A copy of each of the revised editions of the Ontario School Manuals, an atlas, a gazetteer, and an English reference dictionary of British standard and authorization for each classroom.

When required under the Regulations regarding Authorized Text Books, the supply of the History, Geography, and Hygiene Readers; the books in English Literature to be read by the candidates for a Departmental examination (see Circular 58).

Such other books as the Minister may prescribe from time to time.

(2) In graded schools as much of the equipment prescribed in (1) above shall be provided for each classroom as, in the judgment of the Inspector, is necessary.

(3) The equipment shall also include:

(a) Such other charts, maps, and globes and such art and science supplies and apparatus as may be needed for the school courses and as may be recommended by the Principal and approved by the Board and the Inspector.

(b) Such other works of reference and such other supplementary reading as may be required under the provisions of the Regulations regarding Authorized Text Books.

(c) A supply of suitable pictures, especially of Canadian subjects, as aids in the teaching of history, geography, composition and literature.

(4) Where a Kindergarten or a Kindergarten-Primary Form has been established, the equipment shall be subject to the approval of the Inspector.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND CLASSROOMS

4.—(1) There should not be more than an average attendance of twenty-five pupils for each teacher in a Kindergarten Form, or of thirty for each teacher in a Kindergarten-Primary Form.

(2) (a) There should not be more than an average attendance of forty in each of the classrooms of Forms I-V.

(b) On the recommendation of the Inspector, an additional teacher and classroom shall be provided by the Board when the average attendance in any classroom exceeds forty-five for two consecutive years.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARDS

5.—(1) Without the consent of the Board no advertisements shall be posted in any schoolroom, nor shall announcements be made to the pupils the necessity for which does not arise in connection with the Regulations.

(2) The Board shall employ a caretaker, whose duty it shall be to sweep the floors daily (the windows being then open), to dust daily all the furniture, window ledges, etc. with damp dusters (preferably in the morning at least an hour before school); to make fires at least one hour before the opening of school, and at such other times as the teacher may direct; to shovel the snow from the paths in winter, and, generally, to keep the accommodations in good condition.

(3) The Board shall provide for washing the floors at least quarterly and at such other times as may be necessary and for renovating during the summer holidays as often as may be needed, the walls and ceilings if papered or plastered, or for washing them if finished in wood or metal sheeting and painted.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

5—(a) The Board of Education of a city having a population of 100,000 or over may appoint a Superintendent of Schools who shall be acceptable to the Advisory Vocational Committee and whose academic and professional qualifications and experience in the schools of the Ontario Provincial system are satisfactory to the Minister of Education. The Superintendent so appointed may exercise any duties assigned by the Board and the Advisory Vocational Committee, and approved by the Minister, which are not inconsistent with the Statutes and Regulations of the Public Schools, High Schools and Collegiate Institutes and Vocational Schools.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF TEACHERS AND SUPERVISORS

6.—(1) (a) In schools with more than one teacher, the head teacher shall be called the Principal and the others Assistants.

(b) A teacher in charge of more schools than one shall be called the Supervising Principal, and shall exercise over these schools such powers of a Principal as the Board may direct on the report of the Inspector or the local Chief or Senior Inspector, as the case may be.

(c) (i) In an urban municipality, teachers holding Supervisors' certificates in Art, Music, Physical Culture, Household Science, and Manual Training may, respectively, be placed by the Board in general charge of said subjects in the schools under its charge.

(ii) In a town or a village, teachers holding both permanent Second Class certificates and Elementary certificates in Art or Music, may, respectively, be placed by the Board in general charge of said subjects in the schools under its charge.

(iii) In an urban municipality where there are more Kindergartens than one, a teacher with a Director's certificate may be placed by the Board in charge of all the Kindergartens and such teacher shall be known as a Supervisor.

(iv) In the discharge of these duties, the teachers provided for in (i), (ii) and (iii) above shall be subject to the Instructions of the Inspector or local Chief or Senior Inspector, as the case may be, and to the authority of the Principal.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Schools Acts and the Regulations, the authority of the Principal shall be supreme in all matters of organization, management, and discipline

(3) (a) Subject to revision by the Inspector, or the local Chief or Senior Inspector, the Principal shall determine the number of grades, the number of pupils to be assigned to each grade and class, and the order in which the subjects shall be taken up by the pupils.

(b) Subject to revision by the Inspector, the Principal shall make such promotions from one grade to another as he may deem expedient.

NOTE.—The written test, used exclusively, is in any grade an unsuitable basis of promotion. In the elementary grades, the class records are the most reliable basis, and even in the more advanced grades the final written test and the class records should be considered together.

(4) (a) The time-table for the different Forms and Grades of the school shall be prepared by the Principal or, subject to his direction, by his assistants, and shall be submitted to the Inspector, who shall make such modifications therein as he may deem expedient.

(b) A copy of the time-table for each classroom shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place therein.

(c) In the time-table for each Form or Grade, periods shall be allowed each pupil every day for seat work, including independent study, provided and supervised by the teacher, and the time provided for this purpose shall not be less than one and a half hours per day for each pupil.

NOTE.—Suggestions for the construction of a time-table will be found in *The Ontario Teachers' Manual: SCHOOL MANAGEMENT*.

(d) The amount of home work assigned in any Form shall be subject to the approval of the Inspector.

(5) The Principal of a rural school shall send to the Inspector at the end of each month, on a form provided by the Department, a copy of the report of irregular attendance made to the local school attendance officers during that month. The cost of the postage and envelopes for this service shall be defrayed by the School Board.

(6) (a) If a parent or guardian fails, after due notice by the Principal, to provide his child or ward with the text books or other supplies required in his course of study or to pay the fees imposed for such purpose by the Board, the Principal shall notify promptly the Board of such neglect, and the Board may suspend the pupil or it may provide him with such text books or other supplies and exempt him from the payment of such fees.

(b) If a pupil injures or destroys school property the Principal shall notify the parent or guardian, and if he fails to make good the damage within a reasonable period, the Principal shall submit the matter promptly to the Board for settlement.

(7) (a) For the purpose of preventing accidents and improper conduct when the pupils are not in the class rooms, the accommodations should be under suitable supervision. This supervision, where convenient, may be exercised by the Principal, or may be entrusted by him to one or more members of the staff or the caretaker, or the senior pupils.

(b) At least once a month in school buildings of more than one storey the Principal shall hold a fire drill in which all the pupils shall take part.

(8) Every teacher should be in his place in the school at least fifteen minutes before the opening of the forenoon session and at least five minutes before the opening of the afternoon session.

(9) When the Public or Separate and the High or Continuation Schools use jointly the same building or the same grounds, the authority of the Principal of the High or Continuation School shall be supreme in all matters of discipline in those parts of the accommodations which the schools occupy in common.

(10) It shall be the duty of the Principal to inspect the premises daily and report without delay to the Secretary of the Board or a special officer appointed by it, want of attention on the part of the caretaker or any needed repair, and to endeavour by all means in his power to secure proper care of the premises by the pupils.

(11) When a teacher vacates his position, he shall leave in the school register his last time-table for the use of his successor, with a statement of the stage of advancement of each grade under his charge.

DUTIES OF PUPILS

7.—(1) A Pupil registered in a Day or a Night School shall attend punctually and regularly.

(2) He shall be neat and clean in his person and habits, diligent in his studies, kind and courteous to his fellow pupils, obedient and respectful to the teachers; and he shall submit to such discipline as would be exercised by a kind, firm, and judicious parent.

(3) A pupil on returning to school after absence shall give the Principal from the parent or guardian, orally or in writing as may be required by the Principal, the reason for his absence. If this reason is not satisfactory, the Principal shall communicate with the parent or guardian, and, in the event of no satisfactory explanation, he may refuse the pupil admission thereafter, but he shall then submit the question to the Board for settlement.

(4) A pupil may retire from school at any hour, with the consent of the Principal, or at the request, either oral or written, of his parent or guardian. If, however, the Principal has reason to believe that an unjustifiable use is being made of this privilege, and is unable to secure due amendment, he shall submit the question to the Board for settlement.

(5) A pupil shall be responsible to the Principal for his conduct on the school premises and on the way to and from school, except when accompanied by his parent or guardian or by some person appointed by such parent or guardian on his behalf.

ARBOR DAY AND EMPIRE DAY

8.—(1) (a) In rural school sections and in villages Arbor Day, the first Friday in May or a school day as near thereto as climatic conditions will permit, shall be devoted to planting shade trees, making flower beds, and otherwise beautifying and improving the school grounds.

(b) When any date other than the first Friday in May is selected as Arbor Day by the Principal he shall notify the Inspector promptly.

(c) On Arbor Day songs, readings and recitations, designed to cultivate greater interest in trees and flowers and in the study of nature, shall form part of the exercises in all schools.

(2) Empire Day, the last school day before the 24th of May, shall be duly celebrated in every school; the forenoon being devoted to a study of the greatness of the British Empire, and the afternoon to public addresses, recitations, music, etc., of a patriotic character.

SCHOOL FLAGS

9. The School Flag shall be flown on Public Holidays and on such other occasions as the Board may determine. When not so flown, it shall be displayed on the wall of the schoolroom; and, as opportunities may offer, its history and significance shall be suitably explained to the pupils by the teacher. When there are more rooms than one the Board may determine in which of them the flag is to be displayed or it may provide a flag for each room.

SCHOOL SESSIONS

Day Schools

10.—(1) Unless the Board, with the approval of the Minister, directs otherwise, the pupils attending a Day School shall assemble for study at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be dismissed not later than four o'clock in the afternoon.

(2) At least one hour shall be allowed for recreation at mid-day, and at least ten minutes during each of the forenoon and afternoon sessions.

(3) In no case shall there be less than five hours of study a day including the recesses in the forenoon and afternoon; but the Board may reduce to a minimum of half a day the hours of study for the pupils in the Kindergarten, the Kindergarten-Primary, and the First and Second Forms.

(4) The periods for physical culture should be separate from the periods for the recess, and the periods both for recess and for physical culture shall be so arranged as to afford due relaxation from mental strain.

Night Schools

11.—(1) (a) A Board may establish Night Schools with courses of study selected from the General Course of study for the Day Schools by the Inspector or the local Chief or Senior Inspector, as the case may be, with the concurrence of the Board.

(b) Subject to the approval of the Principal, the pupil shall select his courses of study.

(2) Except for Manual Training or Household Science in the case of those who attend a Day School where these subjects are not taken up and where admission to the Night School has been approved by the Principal of the Day School, no pupil who attends a Day School may attend a Night School.

(3) The Night School year shall consist of two terms beginning and ending on such dates and with such vacations as the Board may determine, subject to the approval of the Minister.

(4) The weekly number of sessions and the length of each session shall be settled by the Board, subject to the condition that the length of each session shall not exceed two hours and a half.

(5) Night Schools shall be subject to the same regulations as the Day Schools with respect to management, the discipline of the pupils, the duties and qualifications of the teachers, and the use of text books.

FORM V

12. Pupils who have obtained High School Entrance certificates, and such other pupils as are considered qualified by the Principal and Inspector, shall be entitled in both rural and urban schools to receive instruction in the subjects of the Fifth Form; but—

(a) In a rural section or an urban municipality, having a High or Continuation School, it shall not be obligatory for the Board to maintain a Fifth Form; and—

(b) In lieu of establishing a Fifth Form, the Board of any rural section may arrange with the Board of a High or Continuation School which in the opinion of the Board and the Inspector, is readily accessible, for the instruction thereof of such pupils of its school as are entitled to admission to a High or Continuation School.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES AND RELIGIOUS AND MORAL INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

13.—(1) (a) Every Public School shall be opened with the reading of the Scriptures and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer, and shall be closed with the Lord's Prayer or the prayer authorized by the Department; but no pupil shall be required to take part in any religious exercises objected to by his parent or guardian.

(b) (i) In schools without suitable waiting-rooms or other similar accommodation, if the parent or guardian demands the withdrawal of a pupil while the religious exercises are being held, such demand shall be complied with, and the reading of the Scriptures shall be deferred in inclement weather until the closing.

(ii) To secure the observance of this regulation, the teacher, before commencing a religious exercise, shall allow the necessary interval to elapse, during which the children or wards of those who have signified their objection thereto may retire.

(c) If the parent or guardian objects to his child or ward taking part in the religious exercises, but directs that he shall remain in the schoolroom during these religious exercises, the teacher shall permit him to do so, provided that he maintains decorous behaviour during the exercises.

(d) If, in virtue of his right to be absent from the religious services, any pupil does not enter the schoolroom in the morning till the close of the time allowed for religious exercises, such absence shall not be treated as an offence against the rules of the school.

(e) When a teacher claims to have conscientious scruples in regard to opening or closing school as herein prescribed, he shall notify the Board to that effect in writing; and it shall then be the duty of the Board to make such provisions as it may deem expedient for the carrying out of the requirements of (1) (a) above.

(2) (a) The Scriptures shall be read daily and systematically. The parts to be read may be taken from the book of selections adopted by the Department for that purpose, or from the Bible, or from the list of the Selected Scripture Readings of the International Sunday School Association, or from any other list approved by the Minister, as the Board by resolution may direct.

(b) The Board may also order by resolution the reading of such parts by both pupils and teachers daily at the closing of the school, and, in addition, the repeating of the Ten Commandments at least once a week, and the memorization of passages selected by the Principal from the Bible.

(c) If the Board does not pass the resolution provided for in (a) above, the teacher shall make the selection himself after duly notifying the Board of his intention, but such selection shall be subject to revision by the Board at any time.

(3) (a) (i) A clergyman of any denomination shall have the right, and it shall be lawful for the Board to allow him, to give religious instruction to the pupils of his own denomination, in each school house, at least once a week, before the hour of opening the school in the morning or after the hour of closing the school in the afternoon as the Board may determine.

(ii) Under the same conditions, a clergyman, selected by the clergymen of any number of denominations, shall also have the right to give religious instruction to the pupils belonging to such denominations.

(b) If the clergyman of more than one denomination apply to give religious instruction in the same school-house where the number of classrooms is insufficient for all at the same time, the Board shall decide on what day of the week a classroom shall be at the disposal of each, at the time above stated.

(4) Emblems of a denominational character shall not be exhibited in a Public School during regular school hours.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM IN THE PUBLIC AND SEPARATE SCHOOLS

14.—In every Public and Separate School, the singing of the National Anthem as authorized by the Department shall form part of the daily opening or closing exercises.

